

tax on three hundred dollars' worth of property, for the purpose of paying the expense incurred in rebuilding and furnishing a court-house in said county.

SEC. 2. That said county commissioners shall levy and collect the taxes mentioned in this act at the same time and in the same manner as other county taxes for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

SEC. 3. That this act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 29th day of January, A. D. 1875.

CHAPTER LXI.

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF MAGISTRATES AND OTHER PERSONS.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Chapter forty-nine, Battle's Revisal, entitled "Forcible Entry and Detainer," has been construed by certain magistrates to confer upon them jurisdiction to hear and determine complaints thereunder; *and whereas*, in an honest endeavor to discharge what they believed to be their duty in the premises, they have exercised jurisdiction in pursuance of the provisions of said act; *and whereas*, under a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina said chapter is declared unconstitutional, and the said magistrates and other persons acting in pursuance of the orders of said magistrates are held liable for criminal prosecution for what they believed to be law; therefore,

Magistrates and others not liable to indictment.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That all magistrates who have taken jurisdiction for the purpose of determining the rights of parties under chapter forty-nine, Battle's Revisal, entitled "Forcible Entry and Detainer," and all persons acting under and in pursuance of the orders, judgments and directions of such magistrates,